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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

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Residents:

February will be a busy month for the Town of Montverde. I am currently in negotiations with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission to put in a single-lane boat ramp here in Montverde on Lake Apopka, complete with a park and several parking spaces. FWC has indicated that a grant is available for the Town to construct the ramp, and representatives will be at the February Council meeting to discuss the project. I am very encouraged by my meetings with FWC, and I invite all residents to come to the Council meeting to hear the discussion and offer their opinions on the matter.

I have also been in discussions with Lake Apopka Natural Gas District to potentially bring natural gas to the Magnolia Terrace subdivision. Apparently, six residents have called the District to request a natural gas line be brought to the subdivision. The District has indicated that unless more residents call to request the service, that they will not extend the gas line to the subdivision. If you are resident in the Magnolia Terrace subdivision and you would like natural gas, please call Lake Apopka Natural Gas District at 407-656-2734.

I am happy to report that the Town has finally received clearance from the State of Florida to begin the Recreational Trail construction. Please see the reverse side for more information.

I am currently in negotiations with the Lake County Sheriff's Office to extend our current contract which provides coverage from a deputy who is dedicated solely to the Town of Montverde. We will also be discussing the possibility of obtaining additional coverage on nights and weekends.

And finally, I have had meetings with Lake County concerning the possibility of piggy-backing off of the County's contract for garbage collection and disposal. I have met with our current provider, Waste Pro, about obtaining our current services at a cheaper rate. This savings will hopefully be passed along to you, the resident.

As always, if you have concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me on my cell phone at 407-580-6142.

-Troy Bennett,
Mayor

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

The First Baptist Church of Montverde has their weekly Bread Ministry every Friday morning from 7:30am to 8:15 am at the Church. There are breads, pastries, cakes, and cookies to share with anyone in need. Please contact the Church at 407-469-4569 for more information.

The Youth With A Mission Group of the Woodlands Lutheran Church will be holding an Open House on Saturday, February 15th from 11am to 3pm. There will be games, tours, live music, food, and fun for the whole family. For more information, please contact YWAM of Orlando at 407-273-1667.

TRAIL CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY

The Town of Montverde has been cleared by the State of Florida to begin construction on the Recreational Trail. The Town applied for a grant from the State of Florida to construct the Trail, which would connect Kirk Park to Truskett Park. The Town was awarded a \$185,000 grant from the State, and the Town just received clearance to begin construction in February.

The Trail will run from Kirk Park, along Lakeside Drive and Third Street, to Truskett Park on First Street. The Trail will be constructed of asphalt, with a limerock base, and will include benches, pavement markings, and signage.

Residents may notice the clearing of a few trees and brush, as well as dirt being brought in to fill the lower areas. Construction is expected to be complete by May.

TOWN NEWS

- ◆ Mayor Troy Bennett and Town Hall staff send their condolences to the family of Martin Jackson, who passed away on January 30. Mr. Jackson was a longtime resident of the Town, and was an original members of the Old Fogeys Group that met each month. Mr. Jackson will be greatly missed.
- ◆ There will be a Super Seniors meeting on February 6 at 1:30pm in the Community Building. And this month's BINGO night is scheduled for February 21 at 7:00pm in the Community Building.
- ◆ The Super Seniors Group is also planning a Swing Night on Valentine's Day at 6pm in the Community Building. There will be dinner and dancing, and all are welcome. The cost is \$5 per person. For more information, please contact 407-496-1673.
- ◆ If you wish to sign up for e-Bill but still want to receive a paper bill, including the Town newsletter, please contact Town Hall at 407-469-2681.
- ◆ Residents: If your contact information has changed since you first established your water account, please let Town Hall know. There are times when Town Hall staff may need to contact a resident in a case of a water or other emergency.
- ◆ In observance of Presidents' Day, Town Hall will be closed on Monday, February 17.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be on February 11th at 7pm. Some of the key issues set for discussion are:

- ◆ Discussion of Proposed Boat Ramp on Lake Apopka
- ◆ Contract to Award Recreational Trail Project to Most Responsive Bidder
- ◆ Discussion of Drug-free Workplace Policy for Personnel Policy Manual
- ◆ Discussion of Ordinance Prohibiting Gated Communities
- ◆ Renewal of Franchise Agreement with SECO

All residents are encouraged to attend the Council meeting; public comment is permitted at the start of every meeting. For further information on any of these topics, please contact Town Hall at 407.469.2681.